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HOUSE BILL NO. 279

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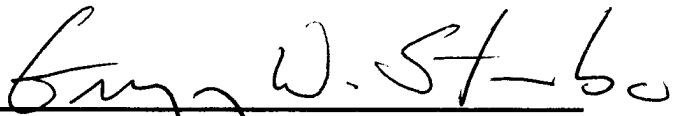
ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES
SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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1 AN ACT relating to construction of the law.

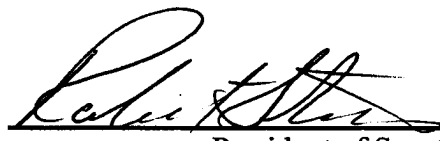
2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 446 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

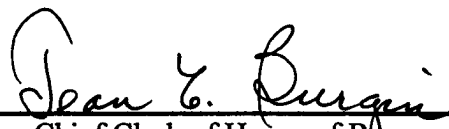
5 *Government shall not substantially burden a person's freedom of religion. The right to*
6 *act or refuse to act in a manner motivated by a sincerely held religious belief may not*
7 *be substantially burdened unless the government proves by clear and convincing*
8 *evidence that it has a compelling governmental interest in infringing the specific act or*
9 *refusal to act and has used the least restrictive means to further that interest. A*
10 *"burden" shall include indirect burdens such as withholding benefits, assessing*
11 *penalties, or an exclusion from programs or access to facilities.*



Speaker-House of Representatives



President of Senate

Attest: 

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved _____
Governor

Date _____